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A Scalable System for Clustering of Large Databases Having Mixed Data Attributes

Cross Reference to Related Applications

The present invention is a continuation in part of co-pending United States patent application serial number 09/083,906 entitled "A Scalable System for Expectation Maximization Clustering of Large Databases" to Fayyad et al having a filing date of May 22, 1998, and which is assigned to the assignee of the present application and is incorporated herein by reference.

Priority is claimed from provisional United States patent application serial number 60/086,410 filed May 22, 1998.

Field of the Invention

The present invention concerns database analysis and more particularly concerns an apparatus and method for clustering of data into groups that capture important regularities and characteristics of the data.

Background Art

Large data sets are now commonly used in most business organizations. In fact, so much data has been gathered that asking even a simple question about the data has become a challenge. The modern information revolution is creating huge data stores which, instead of offering increased productivity and new opportunities, can overwhelm the users with a flood of information. Tapping into large databases for even simple browsing can result in a return of irrelevant and unimportant facts. Even people who do not 'own' large databases face the overload problem when accessing databases on the Internet. A large challenge now facing the database community is how to sift through these databases to find useful information.

Existing database management systems (DBMS) perform the steps of reliably storing data and retrieving the data using a data access language, typically SQL. One major use of database technology is to help individuals and organizations make decisions and generate reports based on the data contained in the database.

An important class of problems in the areas of decision support and reporting are clustering (segmentation) problems where one is interested in finding groupings (clusters) in the data. Data clustering has been used in statistics, pattern recognition,

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